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DEPT FOR A/SY/EX AND A/SY/OPS/FO
BRASILIA FOR AMBASSADOR AND RSO

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: MSG DETACHMENT - SAO PAULO

1. PER THE DIRECTION OF A/SY/EX, THE RSS, ACCOMPANIED BY MAJ RAY, REGIONAL MARINE OFFICER, VISITED SAO PAULO, BRAZIL, ON 5 JUNE 78, TO EVALUATE THE CONTINUED REQUIREMENT FOR A MARINE SECURITY GUARD DETACHMENT AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL.

2. AT PRESENT THE MARINE SECURITY GUARD DETACHMENT CONSISTS OF FIVE WATCHSTANDERS AND THE NCOIC. A SIHTLE POST IS IN OPERATION AND IS LOCATED ON THE THIRD FLOOR IMMEDIATELY OUTSIDE THE ENTRANCE TO THE CONSUL GENERAL'S OFFICE. THE POST IS COMPLETELY UNPROTECTED AND ITS SOLE PURPOSE IS TO CONTROL ACCESS INTO THE CONGEN'S OFFICE, AND MAKE SECURITY CHECKS OF OFFICES AFTERHOURS.

3. THE CONSULATE GENERAL IS LOCATED IN A COMMERCIAL BUILDING WHICH HAS AN OPEN SHOPPING MALL ON THE GROUND FLOOR. THE CONGEN OCCUPIES THE 2ND AND 3RD FLOORS AND IS LOCATED DIRECTLY OVER A BANK. THERE IS A SINGLE
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ENTRANCE WAY INTO THE CONGEN WHICH OPENS ONTO THE SHOPPING MALL. AT THE GROUND FLOOR THERE IS A RECEPTIONIST, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTROLLING ACCESS INTO THE ELEVATORS (2) AND PACKAGE CONTROL. THE ONLY OTHER ACCESS INTO THE 2ND AND 3RD FLOOR IS BY STAIRS WHICH ARE SECURED AT THE GROUND FLOOR BY A METAL DOOR.

4. BASED ON THE LACK OF THREAT, PHYSICAL CONFIGURATION

OF THE BUILDING AND THE COMPARATIVE LOW PROFILE OF THHS FACILITY IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE FOLLOWING PHYSICAL AND PROCEDURAL SECURITY MEASURES BE IMPLEMENTED TO PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE LEVEL OF SECURITY FOR THE CONGEN. UPON COMPLETION OF THESE MEASURES IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE MSG DETACHMENT AT SAO PAULO BE DIESTABLISHED AND ITS RESOURCES BE UTILIZED ELSEWHERE.

5. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE SECURITY MEASURES THAT MUST BE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE MARINE SECURITY GUARD COVERAGE CAN BE REMOVED:

A. INSTALL A SECURITY GRILL INSIDE THE ORNAMENTAL WOODEN DOOR AT THE STREET LEVEL. THE GRILL SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTED OF 5/8 INCH STEEL BARS ON 4 INCH CENTERS, AND EQUIPPED WITH YALE 197 1/4 LOCK. THE GRILL SHOULD BE MOUNTED IN A METAL FRAME 3/8 INCHES THICK BY 3 INCHES WIDE. ALL HINGES SHOULD BE BOLTED AND WELDED.

B. A HARDENED RECEPTION DESK SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTED UTILIZING BALLISTIC PROTECTIVE MATERIALS UP TO 30 CAL. CAPABILITY. THE DESK SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH A TERRORIST ALARM AND ELEVATOR POWER CUTOFF SWITCH.

C. A METAL DETECTOR SHOULD BE INSTALLED AT THE GROUND FLOOR LEVEL AND WILL BE OPERATED FROM THE RECEPTIONIST

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BOOTH. DEPENDING UPON THE AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO EMPLOY A SECOND RECEPTIONIST/GUARD TO CONDUCT THE METAL DETECTOR SCREENING.

D. INSTALL SECURITY GRILLS AT BOTH STAIRWELL LANDINGS. BOTH GRILLS SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTED AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM A, AND BE EQUIPPED WITH A SIMPLEX LOCK FOR DUTY HOURS USE.

E. ALL CLASSIFIED MATERIALS SHOULD BE MOVED TO C&R FOR AFTER HOURS STORAGE. STORAGE CONTAINERS WITHIN THE VAULT MUST BE APPROVED CLASS 5, FILE SAFES.

F. REPLACE THE EXISTING F-4 FIRE DOOR PROTECTING THE ENTRANCE TO C&R WITH AN APPROVED VAULT DOOR.

6. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES FOR CLOSE OF BUSINESS SECURING SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE DUTY OFFICER:

A. THE TWO SLIDING METAL DOORS WHICH PROTECT ACCESS FROM THE ELEVATOR/STAIRWELL LANDINGS ON EACH OCCUPIED FLOOR SHOULD BE CLOSED AND LOCKED.

B. ALL GRILL GATES SHOULD BE SECURED.

C. THE ELEVATOR POWER SHUT BE TURNED OFF FROM THE
RECEPTION DESK AND THE RECEPTION CUBICLE SECURED.

7. IT IS THE OPINION OF THE RSS THAT THESE MEASURES WILL
PROVIDE A LEVEL OF SECURITY WHICH WILL BE COMMENSURATE
WITH THE LEVEL OF THREAT AND RESULT IN A NET SAVINGS

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